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For: APPARATUS FOR BRAZING A HEAT EXCHANGER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 15, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to an apparatus for brazing a heat exchanger, for prosecution in the subject application.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed.Cir. 1995) of method claims 14-18.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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